

Nolan is a graduate of Hot Springs High School in Hot Springs, SD. Currently he is attending the University of Wyoming, where he is majoring in political science and business marketing. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Nolan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING SAMUEL STROMMEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Samuel Strommen, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Sam is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently he is attending the University of Arizona, where he is majoring in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sam for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING ANDREW JONATHAN TIMM

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Andrew Jonathan Timm, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Andrew is a graduate of Watertown High School in Watertown, SD. Currently he is attending the University of Minnesota, where he is majoring in political science and economics. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrew for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE MARIE ANDERSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Danielle Marie Anderson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Danielle is a graduate of Plankinton High School in Plankinton, SD. Currently she is attending South Dakota State University, where she is majoring in business economics. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Danielle for

all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and referred as indicated:

S. 1547. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1572. A bill to provide for a point of order against any legislation that eliminates or reduces the ability of Americans to keep their health plan or their choice of doctor or that decreases the number of Americans enrolled in private health insurance, while increasing the number of Americans enrolled in government-managed health care.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2603. A communication from the Acting Farm Bill Coordinator, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wetlands Reserve Program" (RIN0578-AA47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2604. A communication from the Acting Farm Bill Coordinator, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Quality Incentives Program" (RIN0578-AA45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2605. A communication from the Acting Farm Bill Coordinator, Commodity Credit

Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conservation Stewardship Program" (RIN0578-AA43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2606. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, (23) reports relative to vacancy announcements, nominations, actions on nominations, or confirmations within the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2607. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2010 Rates (CMS-1406-FC/IFC; CMS-1393-F; CMS-137-F)" (RIN0938-AP33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2608. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for Fiscal Year 2010; Minimum Data Set, Version 3.0 for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Medicaid Nursing Facilities (CMS-1410-F)" (RIN0938-AP46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2609. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 (CMS-1538-F)" (RIN0938-AP56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2610. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2010 (CMS-1420-F)" (RIN0938-AP45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2611. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Services Under Section 482, Allocation of Income and Deductions from Intangible Property, Stewardship Expense" (TD 9456) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2612. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Leveraged Oil and Gas Drilling Partnerships" ((LMSB-4-0709-030) (Uniform List No. 263.02-01)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2613. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: The Applicable Recovery Period under IRC